

XLIVTH CONGRESS—1ST SESSION.

REGULAR REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS,
THE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL RESUMED—A REQUEST
FOR TWO WEEKS' DELAY DENIED—A POINT OF
ORDER IN THE HOUSE ON AN INDIAN TRANSFER
CLAUSE—SPEAKER REIGUE DECIDES AGAINST HIS
PARTY.

Senate... Washington, April 28, 1876.

In the Senate to-day Mr. SHERMAN of Ohio presented a petition of citizens of Ohio remonstrating against any change in the tariff laws.

Mr. ANTHONY (Rep., R. I.) from the Committee on Printing, reported a resolution to print 25,000 copies of the Report of the Commissioner of Agriculture for the year 1875 for the use of the Committee.

Mr. SAUNDERS (Dem., N. Y.) moved a motion to adjourn the Senate to consider the resolution.

Other motions objected to the present consideration of the resolution.

Mr. PADDICK (Rep., N. H.) submitted an amendment providing that no additional copies of the Report be printed at the expense of members of Congress.

The resolution and amendment were laid over.

Mr. CONKLING (Rep., N. Y.) presented joint resolutions of the New York Legislature to the Senate, in regard to the Indian transfer, and asking such legislation by Congress without delay as will secure the requisite protection of Indians as well as the safety of citizens.

Ordered that the Indian transfer be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. HAMILTON (Rep., N. J.) submitted an amendment to the joint resolution, so as to provide that the deliberations of the Senate during impeachment trials shall be open.

Laid over.

Mr. ANDREWS (Rep., R. I.) submitted a motion that the proceedings in the impeachment trial be printed for the use of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Agreed to.

Mr. SARGENT (Rep., N. H.) entered a motion to recommit the bill, it was ordered that the report of Mr. F. J. Fahey on the agriculture, climate, and other resources of the Black Hills be printed.

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The hour of 12:30 p.m. having arrived, the Senate laid aside legislation and resumed the trial of ex-Senator Belknap, the Court being opened in due form, according to law. The proceedings of yesterday's session were then read, after which the pending motion submitted by the House Managers yesterday was referred to the House Managers.

The trial of the Court is given below the arguments relating thereto are heard, and if such place is overruled that the defendant is required to answer the questions of the representatives of the Senate.

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Mr. BELKNAP (Dem., Penn.) suggested that the section of the bill in question be referred to the Chair, so as to ascertain what the section was intended to do.

Mr. HAMILTON (Dem., N. J.) remarked that the language of the section was precisely the same as that by which the House Bureau was transferred from the War Department to the Interior Department.

BANKS (Dem., Mass.) objected to the speaker being interrupted.

The SPEAKER resumed, said that he had heard with great interest the suggestions of Mr. Belknap, and was even willing to say that they entailed in a great part to the embarrassment which he met in reaching a conclusion on the subject. But he had no time to do justice to the fact, and therefore referred the bill to the Chair.

Mr. BELKNAP (Dem., Penn.) said that the bill, if passed, would be ready to present their side of the question on the next day after passing.

Mr. LORD (Rep., N. H.) moved that the managers had presented the bill in such a way as to be entitled to the desired result.

Mr. CALPINER said that the defense now desired to proceed with the trial as early as possible, as far as the public interest would permit.

Mr. BELKNAP (Dem., Penn.) said that they could not be ready to present their side of the question on the next day after passing.

Mr. RANDALL (Dem., N. J.) remarked that the trial would be ready to proceed to-day.

Mr. CONKLING presented the bill, and after the trial had been adjourned, he moved that the trial be adjourned until the exact time of such re-examination.

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